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WASHINGTON POST JUNE 21 EDITORIAL PAGE HAD TWO- COLUMN
STORY HEADED " GENOCIDE IN BURUNDI: A CASE FOR THE
'SENSATIONAL' STORY". ARTICLE DESCRIBES 1972 EVENTS,
REFERS TO CARNEGIE STUDY, STATES KILLINGS NOW TAKING PLACE,
AND SAYS ABSENCE EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE LAST YEAR MAY
HAVE BEEN CAUSE US GOVT ADOPTION POSITION OF " NONINTER-
FERENCE". ARTICLE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT BRYCE HARLOW,
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WHITE HOUSE CONSULTANT, IS FORMER VICE PRESIDENT PROCTOR
GAMBLE WHICH IS PARENT FIRM OF FOLGER COMPANY BUYING
"100 OF BURUNDI COFFEE IMPORTED INTO U. S." STORY
CONCLUDES BY POINTING OUT THAT WHILE STATE DEPT FEELS
COFFEE BOYCOTT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO HUTUS, OUTSIDERS
BELIEVE BOYCOTT WOULD INFLUENCE TUTSI GOVERNMENT,
AND MORE " SENSATIONAL" COVERAGE OF SITUATION MIGHT CAUSE
US GOVT TO PAY MOFE ATTENTION TO PROBLEM. ROGERS

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